

Minutes from Oconee County Library
Board Meeting of January 17, 1977

Presiding: Jim Bowers
Attending: Betty Dawson, Joyce Hardigree, Gwen Hansford,
Carolyn McLeroy, Faye Grayson, Virginia Wells,
Jean Holcombe, Kathryn Ames, Roxanna Austin

The meeting was called to order by Jim Bowers. Mrs. Ivy, Chairman, was absent because of the illness of her husband. The minutes of the last meeting were not available.

Miss Austin and Mrs. Ames reported on the use of the Governor's Grant. To date, the following items have been placed in the library: shelving for the reference area, card catalog for children's area, small refridgerator, step stools for bathrooms and children's area, and a 16mm projector. On order but not yet received are a paperback display rack and a projection cart. Still to be purchased from this fund are a sofa and a book return box.

Mrs. Wells reported that the balance in the cookbook fund was \$1,198.09 with an additional \$27.00 to be deposited. There are 377 cookbooks left to sell. Several suggestions were offered for selling the remainder. Mrs. McLeroy offered to place some for sale in the Bogart Library.

Mrs. Holcombe reported that the map fund balance was \$955.51 with an additional \$28.00 to be deposited soon. Approximately 80 maps are left and Mrs. Glass, secretary to Mr. Berry, requested that they be left at that office as they have so many requests for maps.

Mr. Bowers reported that the Library Fund (Donations) had \$1,857.50.

It was moved and seconded that a thank you letter be sent to the Commissioners, with a copy to the Oconee Enterprise, from the Board.

Mrs. McLeroy reported on plans for the rennovation of the Bogart Branch. Highest priority will be painting, carpeting, draperies and additional shelving.

Miss Austin reported that the regional meeting will be January 20 and encouraged all members to attend. The Watkinsville Library is the most active in the region with over 100% increase in circulation since moving into the new building. Miss Austin suggested that the Board should now consider expanding Mrs. Brown's hours to full-time and perhaps providing part-time help during peak hours. She also discussed the upcoming budget preparations and suggested the need for a presentation to be made to the Commissioners and Board of Education. The Regional Library will send a copy of the Oconee County Library budget to the Board.

Mrs. Wells reported that the officers of Friends of the Library will meet January 17 to discuss plans for a general meeting. At the last meeting of the group Charles Ivie was installed as president. The group planned and decorated the library for Christmas and did a fine job. Charles Ivie plans to install weatherstripping on the audit^{orium} door during the coming week.

The Board approved a motion to send a get-well card to Mr. Ivy who is in the Emory University Hospital.

Mrs. Dawson made a motion that the secretary of the Library

Board write a letter to the contractor concerning the front door's slow closing mechanism. Miss Austin said she would call Mr. Sheffer immediately on this matter. If it is not fixed by January 31, a letter should be sent. The resolution was passed.

Mrs. Ames reported on some of the upcoming events planned for the library. The meeting was then adjourned.

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
April 18, 1977, 10 a.m.
Oconee County Library

Presiding: Pattie Ivy, chairman

Attending: Roy Berry, Betty Dawson, Faye Grayson, Reba Hammond,
Gwen Hansford, Joyce Hardigree, Mildred Rice, Jan
Thurmond, Virginia Wells, Roxanna Austin, Kathryn
Ames.

The meeting was called to order by Pattie Ivy. The minutes of the Jan. 17, 1977 meeting were read by Mildred Rice, secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

The Board reviewed the Financial report of the Oconee County Library Building Fund, 1974 - April 1, 1977, submitted by Jim Bowers, treasurer. Mr. Bowers was commended for his faithful work. The current bank balance is: \$1702.60. (\$112.00 in cookbook funds, \$164.00 in map funds, \$426.60 in Library Fund, and \$1000.00 in a saving certificate.)

Under old business, Jan Thurmond reported that the renovation of the Bogart Library with the \$2500.00 given by the Library Board is proceeding very well and that an open house will be scheduled when the work is completed.

Roxanna Austin, director of the Athens Regional Library, reported that the 16mm projector and cart purchased with funds from the Governor's grant are now in use. Things remaining to be purchased from this fund are: a sofa, bulletin boards, and a box for the book return.

Landscaping work is being planned for the Oconee County Library this spring and summer.

It was announced that a meeting of the Friends of the Oconee Library will be held on May 3, 1977 at 8 p.m.

The Library Board discussed the Oconee County Street Map. All maps have now been sold giving the Library a total of \$1000.00. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Library Board would sponsor a second printing of 1000 street maps from Bill Kelly. The maps will cost 40¢- 45¢ each and will be sold for \$1.00. Ads will be sold to defray the printing costs.

Mrs. Ivy passed out copies of the Oconee County Library budget prepared by the Regional Library. It was reported that the Regional had not received the 1976-1977 payments from Bogart and Watkinsville. Mrs. Ivy announced that she would appear before the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education on May 3 to report on the Library and to ask that the library funding be placed in their 1977-1978 budgets. She will ask for an increase in funds from all funding agencies.

Miss Austin reported on the Governor's Conference on Libraries to be held in Atlanta Sept. 8 - 9, 1977 at the World Congress Center. She urged Board members to plan to go. Miss Austin commended the Board for their plans to go to the meetings of the Library's funding agencies. She reminded the members of the Athens Regional Library Board meeting on April 21, 1977.

Kathryn Ames, Library consultant, recommended changes in the operating schedule of the Oconee County Library. The motion was made, seconded and carried that the new schedule be adopted. Beginning May 1, 1977, the schedule will be : Sunday, 1 - 6 pm; Monday, 10:30 - 6 pm; Tuesday, 1 - 8 pm; Wednesday, 10:30 - 6 pm; Thursday, closed; Friday, 10:00 - 3:30 pm; Saturday, closed.

The following announcements were made:

1. The Library has received 5 memorial gifts, an American flag, a tree, and magazine subscriptions.
2. The week of April 18 is National Book Week.
3. The Oconee Fall Festival will be Oct. 15, 1977 sponsored by the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce.
4. Election of officers of the Oconee County Library Board will be held at the annual January, 1978 meeting.

Oconee County Library Board
July 18, 1977, 10 am
Oconee County Library

Presiding: Pattie Ivy, chairman
Attending: Roy Berry, Jim Bowers, Faye Grayson, Joyce Hardigree,
Jean Holcomb, Mildred Rice, Virginia Wells, Roxanna
Austin, Kathryn Ames

Mrs. Ivy called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mrs. Rice read the minutes of the April 18, 1977 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was:

Cookbook	\$ 145.00
Map	166.00
Library Fund	415.01
Certificate	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	\$1726.01

Mrs. Ivy reported that all 1976-77 funds due to the Athens Regional Library had been paid and that she had asked that the library be included in the 1977-78 budgets of our four funding agencies.

Under old business, Mrs. Ivy said that all of the \$5000.00 Governor's Grant had been spent by the June 30, 1977 deadline. All items have been received with the exception of a sofa on order from Lamar's Appliances & Furniture.

It was announced that the landscaping of the library was underway with the Library Board furnishing the plastic, fertilizer and railroad ties. Mrs. Ivy thanked the "Friends" for their work on the grounds. Doug Crater was in charge of the "Friends" spring clean-up day in May.

The "Friends of the Oconee Libraries" met on May 3, 1977 and adopted their Bylaws and made plans for the year. The next meeting will be in early 1978.

The county map is now in the hands of the printer.

Under new business, plans were made for the Oconee County Library to host the Athens Regional Library Board meeting in October, 1977 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements for refreshments and flowers were made.

Miss Austin thanked the Board for the funds received for 1976-77. She told about the Governor's Conference on Libraries and about the summer activities planned for the library.

At the May 3 Friends meeting, Charles Ivie, president, suggested that the Board send a letter to Sen. Paul Broun asking for help on the D.O.T. lot next to the library. The Board consented to send the letter.

Plans were made to have a booth at the Oconee County Festival on Oct. 15 to sell books and miscellaneous. It was decided to give $\frac{1}{2}$ of the proceeds to the general fund for recreation.

Mrs. Ivy reported that Mr. Leonard Myers had complained to Miss Austin, Mr. Berry and the chair about the lack of a public telephone at the library. Mr. Myers was invited to attend this meeting, but he did not come. After discussion, the Board decided not to install a public phone and to continue the present policy of using the library phone for library business only, except in case of emergency. Mrs. Brown was asked to use her own judgement on the use of the phone.

There was a discussion on the need for better janitorial service. Miss Austin was asked to contact Carroll Daniel Co. about the following problems: loose tile in foyer, glass not sealed, and painting to be done. These items were noticed at year-end inspection. The meeting was adjourned.

Oconee County Library Board
October 17, 1977, 10 am
Oconee County Library

Presiding: Pattie Ivy, chairman
Attending: Betty Dawson, Faye Grayson, Reba Hammond, Gwen Hansford,
Joyce Hardigree, Jean Holcomb, Caroline McLeroy, Mildred
Rice, Virginia Wells, Roxanna Austin, Kathryn Ames

Mrs. Ivy called the meeting to order and welcomed the members present. The treasurer's report was:

Cookbook (102-216)	\$ 205.00
Map (100-940)	60.00
Library Fund (100-797)	324.85
Saving Certificate	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	\$1589.85

Under old business, Mrs. Ivy reported that the Library Booth at the Oconee County Festival on Oct. 15 had been very successful.

Books & Miscellaneous	\$ 251.39
Cookbooks	21.00
Maps	<u>41.00</u>
	\$ 313.39

It was decided to send the Festival Committee $\frac{1}{2}$ of the proceeds, a check for \$125.00, (excluding cookbooks and maps), as was agreed at the July Board meeting.

Mrs. Ivy announced that the new Oconee County street maps had been received and paid for (\$450.00). Ads were secured from Poss' and Oconee State Bank to cover the cost of printing. The maps will sell for \$1.00 each at the Courthouse, Library and Watkinsville City Hall. All proceeds go to the Oconee County Library Fund.

Mrs. Ivy said that big copies of the map could be secured from Bill Kelly if anyone wanted one (cost \$10.00).

Mrs. McLeroy reported that the Bogart renovation was complete except for the installation of the heater. An Open House is planned when the library is complete.

Mrs. Ivy said that the CETA workers had been most helpful in landscaping the library grounds last summer.

Mrs. Ivy reported that The Governor's Conference on Libraries was most successful. She enjoyed meeting people interested in libraries from all over the state, and the panels and speeches were interesting and informative. She expressed appreciation for being sent as an official delegate from the Athens Regional Library.

The need for regular janitorial help in the library was discussed. It was decided that Mrs. Ivy would talk to Mr. Berry about the situation.

Under new business, it was reported that the Summer Quarter was very active with the summer reading clubs in both libraries, story hours, family films, special workshops, work with the Senior citizen group, as well as many other activities. Plans for the Library Book week in November were announced.

The Board was reminded of the Athens Regional Library Board meeting on Oct. 27 at 4 pm and of the need to renew their membership in the Georgia Library Trustee Assoc. The Board voted and passed a motion to write a memorial resolution for Mrs. Miriam Downs to be sent to the family and the newspaper. The chair appointed Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Oaks to write the resolution. \$35.00 has been received in memory of Mrs. Downs, and \$10.00 in memory of Lewis Wynn. It was decided to use these memorial funds to buy large print books for the library.

Mrs. Marion Smith of Bogart wishes to give the library a set of commemorative collector plates on famous women in history in honor of the Bogart Woman's Club. After discussion, the Board agreed to accept the gift of plates with the provision be made that the plates would be used by the Library for occasional display in the Library, not on permanent display. This provision was acceptable to Mrs. Smith.

Miss Austin reported that this quarter had been a busy one for the Region and told the Board of the various activities in the Region and the state.

Mrs. Ivy announced the next meeting would be the third Monday in January, 1978. The meeting was adjourned.

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

December 10, 1977

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Oconee County Library Board:

That in the passing of Mrs. Hussey Downs who has served this county for many years as a Library Board member, the Board has suffered a very great loss.

Mrs. Downs was a citizen vitally interested in the literary and cultural welfare of the people of Oconee County. Because of her interest in this particular undertaking, she was well fitted to serve as a faithful and efficient member of this Board.

Miriam Downs had many interests: in her family, in her church, and in civic affairs, yet she gave generously of her talents in behalf of the Oconee County Library Board. Mrs. Downs had been a member of the Library Board for over 35 years and served as Chairman, Library Board of Trustees from 1940-1971.

Mrs. Downs wholeheartedly supported and worked for the new Oconee County Library building, and the plaque on the new building bears her name, along with the other Library Board members, as a tribute to her service.

It is our sincere wish that her loved ones be aware that we, along with them, will miss her in the years to come.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be inscribed in our minutes as a memorial in her memory; and let a copy be sent to the members of her family.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr.

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr., Chairman

Mrs. Grady A. Oaks

Mrs. Grady A. Oaks

Mrs. Major Rice

Mrs. Major Rice, Secretary